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SUBJ: MAIRA COMMENTS "BREAKDOWN" OF WASHINGTON TALKS

1. PRO- GOVT RADIO PORTALES NEWSCAST EVENING MAR 29 CARRIED EXCHANGE WITH DEPUTY LUIS MAIRA (IC), MEMBER CHILEAN DELEGATION TO MARCH 21-22 TALKS. ACCORDING BROADCAST, INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE FOLLOWING LUNCHEON MEETING AT WHICH DELEGATION, INCLUDING AMB LETELLIER, FILLED IN PRES ALLENDE.

2. ASKED THE REASONS FOR "BREAKDOWN" OF CONVERSATIONS, MAIRA REPLIED (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

" I BELIEVE REASON FOR SECOND- ROUND IMPASSE HAS TO BE FOUND ESSENTIALLY IN US REFUSAL TO ACCEPT APPLICATION OF AN IN- FORCE AND OBLIGATORY TREATY-- 1914 TREATY WHOSE APPLICATION CHILE PROPOSED IN COURSE THESE CONVERSATIONS. US SIDE CONSIDERED ITS APPLICATION UNSUITABLE (INCONVENIENT) FOR THEM, AND INSISTED UPON PRINCIPLE OF IMMEDIATE INDEMNIFICATIONS OR COMPENSATIONS FOR NATIONALIZATION OF GRAN MINERIA. FOR ITS PART, IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHILEAN CONSTITUTION AND NATIONAL WILL, GOC CONSIDERS THAT CHAPTER DEFINITELY CLOSED IN FAIR AND EQUITABLE FASHION, AND THAT US COMPANIES HAVE BEEN INDEMNIFIED."

3. NEWSMAN THEN POSITED US' PREVENTING FURTHER RENEGOTIATION
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AGREEMENT WHEN PARIS CLUB RESUMES ITS CONSIDERATION IN JULY.
AGAINST THIS POSSIBILITY, WERE SUCH BILATERAL TALKS USEFUL, AND
WASN' T CHILEAN PARTICIPATION A SIGN OF WEAKNESS? MAIRA RETORTED
TO CONTRARY IT WAS SIGN OF STRENGTH. WEAK COUNTRIES DON' T TALK
BUT MERELY SUBMIT.

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